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TOPIC Soviet Tank Repair Shop, KIRCHMOESE

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1. a. Two shipments each consisting of spare tank parts, arrived in KIRCHMOESE (N 53/Z 12) on 3 and 8 May 1949. The spare parts, mostly tank engines, bogie wheels, tracks, and gun parts, were stored in the repair shop.
- b. Several tanks were repaired or thoroughly overhauled in the repair shop between 3 and 18 May 1949.
- c. The skilled German workers employed at the repair shop had passes bearing the stamp with the inscription

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- d. The repair shop area was strictly guarded by Soviet sentries.
- e. It was learned that a thin-sheet and thick-sheet rolling mill equipped with two roll trains was to be constructed in the partly destroyed block of buildings next to the tank repair shop. The rolling mill was to be established by order of the SLIA.

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2. a. A rolling mill was under construction in the area of the former KIRCHMOESE RR Repair Plant in May 1949. The plant was called "Vesta LEIPZIG, Rolling Mill KIRCHMOESE".
- b. One workshop of the former RR Repair Plant had been requisitioned by the Soviets. Only soldiers were working in this building, which was kept closed at all times.
- c. Some tank engines were seen in the area of the former RR Repair Plant.

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3. Several flatcars were loaded with tanks in front of the

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KIRCHMOESER tank repair shop during the night of 11 June 1949. The flatcars were dispatched to an unknown destination. *

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4. [redacted] Comment:

The Soviet tank repair shop in the former KIRCHMOESER RR Repair Plant has long been known. The technical Soviet unit in charge is the 123rd Tank Repair Shop [redacted]. The [redacted] also stationed in KIRCHMOESER, is possibly assigned to the 123rd Tank Repair Shop. Elements [redacted] [redacted] were, according to numerous reports, transferred to MUELLRODE in the spring of 1949.

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5. [redacted] Comment:

A German worker employed at the rolling mill stated that he frequently observed shipments of tanks leaving the plant. The empty flatcars were usually parked in front of the tank repair shop during the day and moved into the repair shop during the evening hours.

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